GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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HALLMARK CERTIFICATION
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hallmark Certification is proposed to be enforced for all Jewellery items throughout the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the procedure for such certification process and licence fee etc.;

(c) the benefits likely to accrue to the consumers;

(d) whether this value addition is likely to boost the price of Gold in the market; and

(e) if so, the remedial action proposed/taken for pegging down the Gold Price?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR.AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : Hallmarking certification is proposed to be enforced on a mandatory basis in order to ensure that the gold jewellery items meet the declared purity and thereby provide the necessary protection to the consumer and also to make Indian gold jewellery competitive in the domestic as well as in the international markets.

The certification of Gold Jewellery through Hallmarking Scheme is done in accordance with IS 1417 which is in line with ISO 9202 and relevant scheme for certification.

The licence fee for Hallmarking of gold jewellery for three years is Rs. 25,000/- in Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai, Rs. 20,000/- in District Headquarters and Rs. 10,000/- in other areas.

(c) : Consumers get third party assurance about purity of the hallmarked gold jewellery.

(d) : No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise.